

Congress of the United States  
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Congressional Nanotechnology Caucus

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Dear Colleague:

We invite you to join the new, bipartisan and bicameral Congressional Nanotechnology Caucus. Nanotechnology allows the creation of new products and processes through the manipulation of individual atoms. Nanotechnology is expected to have a significant impact on the future of many fields, including information technology, homeland security, biotechnology, medicine, military systems, chemical plants, and energy production and distribution. Indeed, estimates of the potential annual global market for products that apply nanotechnology exceed \$1 trillion by 2015, and projections indicate that two million workers are likely to be needed to support nanotechnology industries worldwide.

The purpose of the Nanotechnology Caucus is to promote nanotechnology, educate policy makers about this emerging area, and facilitate communications between industrial and academic researchers and the Hill.

Already, Congress has taken steps to promote nanotechnology, through such legislation as the *21st Century Nanotechnology Research and Development Act* (Public Law 108-153), which President Bush signed into law on December 3, 2003, and through appropriations for the federal agencies that support nanotechnology research. The Nanotechnology Caucus will seek to build on these efforts as well as keep Members apprised of the latest developments in the field.

For more information, or to join the Congressional Nanotechnology Caucus, please contact Frank Cavaliere or Usha Varshney in Senator Allen's office at 4-4024, Rachana Bhowmik with Senator Wyden's office at 4-5244, James Hague with Congressman Boehlert's office at 5-7858, or David Plunkett with Congressman Gordon's office at 5-4231.

Sincerely,



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